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CSUSM Leads Two Vista Unified Schools to International Baccalaureate Organization Candidacy

SAN MARCOS, Calif. - (June 3, 2014) – Two North County elementary schools have been accepted as IB Candidate Schools in the International Baccalaureate Organization Primary Years Programme (PYP). Supported by the 10-unit curriculum provided by California State University San Marcos’ IB Educator Certificate program, Casita Center for Technology, Science and Math and Vista Academy of Performing Arts (VAPA), two magnet elementary schools in the Vista Unified School District, are moving forward in becoming recognized as IB World Schools.

“We are excited to provide world class IB training for teachers and administrators who are working in local schools to enhance the educational experience for area students,” said Mike Schroder, Dean of Extended Learning at CSUSM.

The International Baccalaureate program is a globally recognized program that provides an enhanced academic framework currently in place in 146 countries worldwide serving over 680,000 students. The PYP curriculum framework is designed for students age 3-12, focusing on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. It is defined by six trans-disciplinary themes of global significance that are explored using knowledge and skills derived from six academic subject areas, with a strong emphasis on inquiry-based learning.

The IB Educator Certificate at CSUSM is authorized by the IB to prepare teachers to excel in an IB school. CSUSM was the fourth university authorized by IB and the tenth in the world to offer the university pathway for IB teacher training. For more information, please visit http://www.csusm.edu/el/certificateprograms/teachereducation/ib/

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